

"BITS and PIECES"



FROM YOUR CITY HALL
 325 Wisconsin Street
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JULY 2016

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MAYOR

Ray Allen [12/31/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1111
E-mail: ralen@leclaireiowa.gov Please feel free to call City Hall and leave a message for either myself or the particular council member that you wish to speak to. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ryan Salvador [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1151
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Barry Long [12/31/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1152
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Dennis Gerard [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1153
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John Smith [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1155
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BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

Affordable Memberships to the Buffalo Bill Museum! The Buffalo Bill Museum is a great place to spend some time with the family this summer! See what's new! 15 new or expanded exhibits that have been constructed since the opening of the new addition to the museum in 2014. A few of the new exhibits include: 1900's Women's Fashion Display, Children's Activity Area, and a LeClaire Historical Districts Exhibit. The kids will enjoy discovering life on the river with the Lone Star Steamer housed in the River Pilot's Pier exhibit. They will also love the "seek and find" scavenger hunt! Adults will appreciate the many artifacts housed in the museum that bring back memories of your

grandparent's farm house. Spend an hour or most of the day! Memberships will allow you to visit as many times you like for entire year! Family memberships are just \$20.00. Please stop down for more information or please visit our website at www.buffalobillmuseumleclaire.com. Daily Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for Seniors, \$1 Youth (6-16), Children under 6 free.

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB

The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday July 26th at 7 pm. We will be having desserts at 6:30 instead of a potluck. Look for us in August during Tug Fest at the pavilion playing Bingo. Cash prizes. Hope to see you! We are still accepting membership renewals and as always, looking for new members. New this summer, members will be playing euchre at 9 am on Wednesdays with coffee and donuts. Please join us!

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

July 2016

Recycling and Garbage days for July (in yellow) are July 7th & 8th and July 20th & 21st. Garbage only days in July (in blue) are July 13th & 14th, and July 27th & 28th.

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Residents may put out one large item curbside along with their normal garbage and recycling on July 13th if they are Wednesday pickup and on July 14th if they are Thursday pickup. (No appliances, tires, batteries, hazardous materials, construction debris, commercial business items, "e-waste" or yard wastes will be accepted). Place your large item at the curb next to your toters. Please leave at least three (3) feet between your garbage and recycling toters when you put them out on the curb so the automated arms have room to maneuver.

SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

Swimming Pool "Enclosure" Requirements Changed - Before all of the neighborhood kids take that first "dip" in the old back yard pool this summer make sure that your pool is safe and that it meets the requirements for fencing and enclosures that are now in effect. The biggest change

includes the need for Enclosures are needed for those very popular "temporary, inflatable" pools **THAT ARE NOT CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED BY AN ADULT AND THAT ARE NOT DRAINED AND STORED ON A DAILY BASIS** and **UNCOVERED HOT TUBS AND SPAS**. Please call for a copy of the detailed ordinance if you have any questions at all. The Police Department will be closely monitoring this matter as a significant public safety issue and will be stopping by and knocking on your door or calling you if they see any problems. Thanks for your help and cooperation in protecting all the neighborhood kids!!

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION & CONTACT HELP LINE!!

(563)-289-4242 (Ext. 1502)

"BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION ... BY PREVENTING WATER POLLUTION!"



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT "EMERGENCY CONTACT"

We want to remind everyone that the city's PWD can be reached 24/7/365 by dialing **289-4242 and pressing 3 & 1500**. This will put you directly into the PWD emergency contact voice mail box where you can leave a message which will be automatically relayed to City personnel.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program: On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! Our sports-themed Summer Reading Program began June 6th and runs through July 23rd. This program is for all ages (yes, adults too!) and in addition to the reading challenge, join us for a number of fun activities and programs throughout the summer. **Adult Services - Cooking with Catalina:** Learn how to make homemade salsa and guacamole! Recipe sheets will be given out along with tasty samples. No pre-registration needed, but the class will be limited to 18 people. July 8th at 1pm. **Lifelong Learning-- Sponsored by Home Bound Healthcare:** Join us the second Thursday of each month for our Lifelong Learning series, a program featuring activities, events, and educational presentations geared towards the older adult. Our next event will take place Thursday, July 14th at 10am **Beautiful Moment, Present Moment: Mindfulness for Adults:** Learn what mindfulness is and how to practice

through meditation, yoga, and art. We will explore how mindfulness can help us in our career, continuing education, personal relationships, and more. July 16th at 12pm. **Adult Book Club:** Join us on Wednesday, July 27th at 6:30pm to discuss *Frog Music* by Emma Donoghue, author of bestselling novel *Room*. Books are available free of charge at the circulation desk. **Teen Services - Teen Gaming/Craft Afternoon:** Show off your gaming skills (or lack thereof) and try your hand at a Mario-themed craft! There will be lots of games, snacks, and fun to be had. July 12th at 3pm. **Teen Movie Challenge:** Watch a popular movie, eat healthy snacks, and stay active during this movie workout challenge! Prizes and more await in this program. Best for incoming 7th graders & up. Movie TBD, but most likely will have a PG-13 rating. July 18th at 2:30pm. **TAG:** Need services hours for school? Want to give your input on all things teen at the library? Come to TAG on the third Thursday of each month! This month's TAG meeting is July 21st at 6:30pm. Grades 7th-12th only. **Children's Services - Stretchy Storytime:** During the Summer Reading Program, join us Wednesdays July 6th, 13th, and 20th. Toddle Time will resume starting July 27th. **LEGO Club:** We what challenge awaits you on Tuesdays July 5th and July 19th. **Crafternoon:** Get crafty at the library on Wednesdays July 6th, 13th, and 20th. **Magic Show with Magician Rick Eugene:** Our favorite crowd-pleasing magician is back on July 7th at 3:30pm for an all-ages show! **Storytime in the Park:** Join Miss Bailey at Hollyhock Park for stories and playtime in the great outdoors. Raining? Stop by the library instead. July 9th at 10:30am **Children's Movie—Inside Out:** Exercise ALL of your emotions as you watch the new Pixar classic *Inside Out* on the library's big screen. Feel free to bring your own pillows and blankets for extra comfy viewing. July 11th at 2pm. **Summer STEAM Night:** Come to the library for a night of drop-in summer STEAM activities. July 14th at 6:30pm **Popular Astronomy Club Star Party:** The Popular Astronomy Club is back with their mobile observatory unit and telescope to guide us through the galaxies! Join us for an after-hours, all-ages program of out-of-this world fun on July 21st at 8:30pm! **Animal Athletes:** We always enjoy watching countries compete in the Olympics, but what if animals had their own Olympics? Which animal would be best at high jump? Which ones would excel in swimming? Who would take the gold in gymnastics? Ponder these fun scenarios with a zoo educator from Blank Park Zoo and four live animals! July 29th at 1pm. **Kids Book Club:** Join us on July 30th at 12pm for our 4th-6th grade book club meeting. Bring a sack lunch while we chat about the book and participate in fun activities. No parents or younger siblings please.

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Friday, July 1, 5:30-8pm: First Friday in Downtown LeClaire including live music outside at the winery. **Saturday, July 9, 11am & 1pm:** 1-1/2 hour sightseeing cruises aboard the Twilight. Book online at www.riverboattwilight.com Find details on LeClaire events at: <http://www.visitle Claire.com/events.html>
LECLAIRE INFORMATION CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please share your knowledge and love of LeClaire with our visitors! Contact Cindy Bruhn at info@visitle Claire.com or 563-650-7963 to volunteer. Find details on LeClaire events at: <http://www.visitle Claire.com/events.html>

SENIOR UTILITY NOTICE

All seniors who are eligible for the senior discount need to submit proof of income for the year 2015 by May 15, 2016 to stay on the senior rate. This proof can be in the form of a SSA-1099 or an income tax form. The income level requirements for 2015 are \$17,820 for a single resident or \$24,030 for a married resident. Please remember if you have anyone living with you that is under 65 you will not be eligible for this discount. Thank you.

NOTICE: WEED ABATEMENT LAW

As of April 1st the City begins to implement the weed abatement process. Notices are being published in this publication and in the Quad City Times advising the property owners of their duty and responsibility to keep their property, (and that area between the street driving surface and the property line) free of weeds and other plant growth. **THERE WILL BE NO OTHER NOTICES!!** If a weed problem is found to exist the City will abate the problem and assess the costs accordingly to the property. The charges for abating weed nuisances will be **First Violation**-First Worker \$100.00/Hr.; Each Additional Worker \$50.00/Hr. **Second Violation**-First Worker \$200.00/Hr., Each Additional Worker \$100.00/Hr. **Third & Subsequent Violations**-First Worker \$400.00/Hr., Each Additional Worker \$200.00/Hr., or if a contractor is used, the charge will be the contracted amount plus 25%. What constitutes a "weed nuisance"? Following is the definition established by law: In all areas of the City, any noxious weeds or vegetation, as defined by the Code of Iowa, are deemed to be nuisances, as well as any dense growth of weeds, vines, brush, or other similar vegetation which are reasonably believed to be constituting a public safety, health, or fire hazard. In any developed area within the City or within one hundred feet (100') of any developed area within the City, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush, or other growth which exceeds ten inches (10") in height shall be deemed a nuisance. In all other areas of the City, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush, or other growth which exceeds

two feet (2') in height shall be deemed a nuisance. Natural areas, including but not limited to waterways, or farmland may exceed these established height limitations. Please review this material again and if you have any questions, call City Hall at any time.

AVOID THE DRAIN PAIN



Just because the package says flushable doesn't mean it's true. **Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps** and causing messy sewer backups into streets, homes and businesses. Our sewers are designed to dispose of very specific things. Using your toilet for disposal of many modern products can result in blockages. The drains that connect your home to the main sewer are only big enough to carry water, toilet paper and human waste. Private sewer lines are often no wider than 4 inches. Other than creating clogs in sewer pipes and pumps, trash must be removed from the waste water as part of the reclamation treatment process. This is an expensive operation. Excessive debris in waste water sewers has become epidemic globally.

- Baby and adult wipes, moist wipes, disinfectant wipes, all of those labeled as "flushable"
- Facial tissues, cotton balls, cotton swabs, Band-Aids
- Any cloth items
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, and those labeled flushable)
- Toilet bowl scrub pads, Swiffer's, dryer sheets
- Egg shells, coffee grounds, food, chewing gum
- Hair
- Vitamins, medicines, and other pharmaceuticals, cosmetics
- Napkins, Paper towels
- Dental Floss
- Cat Litter
- Fats, Oil, and grease

- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms

- Fish, hamsters, gerbils
- Cigarette butts
- Plastic of any kind
- Any non-organic materials

THE "FLUSHABILITY" TEST:

Take two bowls of water. Place toilet paper in one and place the item in question in the other. Swish both items in the water. Wait about an hour, and then swish again. The toilet paper should have significantly disintegrated by then while the other item (for example, wipes, napkins, dental floss) will likely remain intact. Unless the item disintegrates at the rate of toilet paper, it should be placed in the garbage and not down the toilet. You otherwise risk blockage in your home as well as clogging a main sewer line or pump station causing a sewage backup for other homes and businesses. If it can't be reused, recycled or composted, please place it in the garbage. If you have questions about what is OK to flush, please call 563 289 4242. Select #3 for the Public Works Department then select #2 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

UTILITY E-BILLS

You can have your utility bill delivered via email. This will save the City money on postage, paper, ink, wear and tear on our printers, etc. thereby keeping sewer and garbage charges down. If you are interested in receiving your bill via-email please send an email to jphares@leclaireiowa.gov giving her your billing address and the email address you want your utility bill to be sent and she will update your account. If you have any questions please call Jo at 289-4242 Ext. 1101.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment, the LeClaire Tourism Board, LeClaire Planning & Zoning Commission, LeClaire Park & Rec Commission, I.T. Committee, and the LeClaire Library Board of Trustees are accepting applications. If you would like to be considered for volunteer service on these Committees and Boards, you must submit a completed application form. The application form may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours, or can be obtained on the City's website.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2016 in observance of Independence Day. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, July 13, 2016. They can be sent via email to Bits@leclaireiowa.gov, or by fax to (563) 289-6010, by U.S. mail, or hand delivered.



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POLICE 911
FIRE 911
AMBULANCE 911
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242